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In re application of: Bretschneider et al.

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A HEAT SHIELD AND HEAT
SHIELD MANUFACTURED WITH THE METHOD

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATIONPlease substitute the enclosed substitute specification for the one previously filed on
behalf of Applicant.IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel pending claim 1 and add the following new claims 29-59.

29. (NEW) A method of manufacturing a heat shield suitable for use in motor vehicles comprising the steps of:
- providing first and second plates, each said plate having an edge region and being at least partially plastically deformable;